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MISCREANT. *adj.* [*mis* and *created*.] Formed unnaturally or illegitimately; made as by a blunder of nature.

Then made he head against his enemies,
And Ymmer flew or Logris miscreant.
Effoons he took that *miscreant* fair,
And that false other spite, on whom he spread
A seeming body of the subtle air.

God forbid, my lord,
That you should fashion, wrest, or bow your reading;
With opening tides *miscreant*, whose right
Suits not in native colours with the truth.
MISDEED. *n. f.* [*mis* and *deed*.] Evil action.

O God,
If thou wilt be aveng'd on my *misdeeds*,
Yet execute thy wrath on me alone.
Evils, which our own *misdeeds* have wrought.
Chas'd from a throne, abandon'd, and exil'd
For foul *misdeeds*, were punishments too mild.
To MISDEEM. *v. a.* [*mis* and *deem*.] To judge ill of; to mistake.

All unweeting an enchanter bad
His sense abus'd, and made him to *misdeem*
My loyalty, not such as it did seem.
Besides, were we unchangeable in will,
And of a wit that nothing could *misdeem*;
Equal to God, whose wisdom fineth still
And never errs, we might ourselves esteem.

To MISDEMEAN. *v. a.* [*mis* and *demean*.] To behave ill.
From frailty
And want of wisdom, you, that best should teach us,
Have *misdeemean'd* yourself.
MISDEMEANOR. *n. f.* [*mis* and *demean*.] Offence; ill behaviour; something less than an atrocious crime.

The house of commons have only power to censure the members of their own house, in point of election or *misdeemeanors*, in or towards that house.
It is no real disgrace to the church merely to lose her privileges, but to forfeit them by her fault or *misdeemeanor*.
These could never have touched the head, or stopped the source of these unhappy *misdeemeanors*, for which the punishment was sent.

MISDEVOTION. *n. f.* [*mis* and *devotion*.] Mistaken piety.
A place, where *misdevotion* frames
A thousand prayers to fairs, whose very names
The church knew not, heav'n knows not yet.
MISDIET. *n. f.* [*mis* and *diet*.] Improper food.
A drop through his flesh did flow,
Which by *misdiet* daily greater grew.

To MISDISTINGUISH. *v. a.* [*mis* and *distinguish*.] To make wrong distinctions.
If we imagine a difference where there is none, because we distinguish where we should not, it may not be denied that we *misdistinguish*.
To MISDO. *v. a.* [*mis* and *do*.] To do wrong; to commit a crime; to offend.

Afford me place to show what recompence
T'wards thee I intend for what I have *misdone*.
To MISDO. *v. n.* To commit faults.
Try the erring soul
Not wilfully *misdoing*, but unaware
Mifled.
The worst is, to think ourselves safe so long as we keep our injuries from the knowledge of men, and out of our own view, without any awe of that all-seeing eye that observes all our *misdoings*.

I have *misdone*, and I endure the smart,
Loth to acknowledge, but more loth to part.
MISDOER. *n. f.* [*mis* and *do*.] An offender; a criminal; a malefactor.
Were they not contained in duty with a fear of law, which inflicteth sharp punishments to *misdoers*, no man should enjoy any thing.

To MISDOUBT. *v. a.* [*mis* and *doubt*.] To suspect of deceit or danger.
If the only *misdo*ubted me, I were in heaven; for quickly I would bring sufficient assurance.
I do not *misdo*ubt my wife, but I would be loth to turn them both together; a man may be too confident.

The bird that hath been limed in a bush,
With trembling wings *misdo*ubteth ev'ry bush;
And I, the hapless male to one sweet bird,
Have now the fatal object in my eye,
Where my poor young was lim'd, was caught, and kill'd.

If you *misdo*ubt me that I am not the,
I know not how I shall assure you farther.
To believe his wiles my truth can move,
Is to *misdo*ubt my reason or my love.
MISDOUBT. *n. f.* [*mis* and *doubt*.]
Suspicion of crime or danger.
He cannot so precisely weed this land,

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As his *misdo*ubts present occasion;
His foes are so enrooted with his friends,
That, plucking to unfix an enemy,
He doth unfixen so and shake a friend.
2. Irresolution; hesitation.

York, steel thy fearful thoughts,
And change *misdo*ubts to resolution.
MISE. *n. f.* [*French*.] Illness. Law term.
To MISEMPLY. *v. a.* [*mis* and *employ*.] To use to wrong purposes.

Their frugal fathers gains they *mis*employ,
And turn to point and pearl, and ev'ry female toy.
Some taking things upon trust, *mis*employ their power by lazily enslaving their minds to the dictates of others.
That vain and foolish hope, which is *mis*employed on temporal objects, produces many sorrows.

They grew dissolute and prophane; and by *mis*employing the advantages which God had thrown into their lap, provoked him to withdraw them.
MISEMPLYMENT. *n. f.* [*mis* and *employment*.] Improper application.
An improvident expence, and *mis*employment of their time and faculties.

MISER. *n. f.* [*mis* and *er*, Latin.]
1. A wretched person; one overwhelmed with calamity.
Do not disdain to carry with you the woful words of a *miser* now despairing; neither be afraid to appear before her, bearing the base title of the sinner.
I wish that it may not prove some ominous foretoken of misfortune to have met with such a *miser* as I am.

Fair son of Mars, that seek with warlike spoil
And great achievements, great yourself to make,
Vouchsafe to stay your steed for humble *miser's* sake.
2. A wretch; a mean fellow.
Decrepid *miser*! base ignoble wretch!
I am descended of a gentler blood.

3. A wretch covetous to extremity; one who in wealth makes himself miserable by the fear of poverty.
Though the be dearer to my soul than rest
To weary pilgrims, or to *misers* gold,
Rather than wrong Castile I'd forget her.
No silver fairs by dying *miser's* py'n,
Here brib'd the rage of ill-requited heav'n;
But such plain roofs as piety could raise,
And only vocal with the Maker's praise.

MISERABLE. *adj.* [*mis* and *er*, French; *miser*, Latin.]
1. Unhappy; calamitous; wretched.
O nation *miserable*,
With an untitled tyrant, bloody scepter'd!
When shalt thou see thy wholesome days again? *Shakspeare*.
Most *miserable* is the desire that's glorious. *Shakspeare*.
What's more *miserable* than discontent? *Shakspeare*.
It is probable that there will be a future state, and then how *miserable* is the voluptuous unbeliever left in the lurch.

What hopes delude thee, *miserable* man? *Dryden's Zen.*
2. Wretched; worthless.
3. Culpably parsimonious; stingy.
MISERABLENESS. *n. f.* [*from miserable*.] State of misery.
MISERABLY. *adv.* [*from miserable*.]

1. Unhappily; calamitously.
Of the five employed by him, two of them quarrelled, one of which was slain, and the other hanged for it; the third drowned himself; the fourth, though rich, came to beg his bread; and the fifth was *miserably* stabbed to death.
2. Wretchedly; meanly.
As the love I bear you makes me thus invite you; so the same love makes me ashamed to bring you to a place, where you shall be so, not spoken by ceremony but by truth, *miserably* entertained.

3. Covetously.
MISERY. *n. f.* [*mis* and *er*, Latin; *misere*, French.]
1. Wretchedness; unhappiness.
My body round engirt with *misery*. *Shakspeare*.
Happiness, in its full extent, is the utmost pleasure we are capable of, and *misery* the utmost pain.

2. Calamity; misfortune; cause of misery.
When we our betters see bearing our woes,
We scarcely think our *miseries* our foes.
The gods from heav'n survey the fatal strife,
And mourn the *miseries* of human life.

3. [From *miser*.] Covetousness; avarice. Not in use.
He look'd upon things precious, as they were
The common muck o' th' world: he covets less
Than *misery* itself would give.
In a fabric of forty thousand pounds charge, I with thirty pounds laid out before in an exact model; for a little *misery* may easily breed some absurdity of greater charge.

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MISBESTEM. *n. f.* [*mis* and *bestem*.] Disregard; flight.
To MISFASHION. *v. a.* [*mis* and *fashion*.] To form wrong.
A thing in reason impossible, thorough their *misfashioned* preconceits, appeared unto them no less certain, than if nature had written it in the very foreheads of all the creatures of God.

To MISFORM. *v. a.* [*mis* and *form*.] To put in an ill form.
His monstrous scalp down to his teeth it tore,
And that *misformed* shape misshap'd more.
MISFORTUNE. *n. f.* [*mis* and *fortune*.] Calamity; ill luck; want of good fortune.

Fortune thus Igan say, misery and *misfortune* is all one,
And of *misfortune*, fortune hath only the gift.
What world's delight, or joy of living speech,
Can heart so plung'd in sea of sorrows deep,
And heaped with so huge *misfortunes* reach?

You'll find it his *misfortune*, not his fault.
To MISGIVE. *v. a.* [*mis* and *give*.] To fill with doubt; to deprive of confidence. It is used always with the reciprocal pronoun.
As Henry's late presaging prophesy
Did glad my heart with hope of this young Richmond;
So doth my heart *mis*give me in these conflicts
What may befall him, to his harm or ours.

This is strange! Who hath got the right Anne?
My heart *mis*gives me. *Shakspeare*.
Yet oft his heart divine of something ill,
*Mis*gives him.
If a conscience thus qualified and informed, be not the measure by which a man may take a true estimate of his abjection, the sinner is left in the plunge of infinite doubts, suspicions, and *misgivings*, both as to the measures of his present duty, and the final issues of his future reward.

His heart *mis*gave him, that these were so many meeting-
houses; but, upon communicating his suspicions, I soon made him easy.
To MISGOVERN. *v. a.* [*mis* and *govern*.] To govern ill; to administer unfaithfully.
Solymann charged him bitterly, that he had *mis*governed the state, and inverted his treasures to his own private use.

MISGOVERNED. *adj.* [*from misgovern*.] Rude; uncivilized.
Rude, *mis*govern'd hands, from window tops,
Threw dust and rubbish on King Richard's head.
MISGOVERNANCE. *n. f.* [*mis* and *governance*.] Irregularity.
Thy muse too long slumbereth in forrowing,
Lulled asleep through love's *mis*governance.

MISGOVERNMENT. *n. f.* [*mis* and *government*.]
1. Ill administration of public affairs.
Men lay the blame of those evils whereof they know not the ground, upon public *mis*government.
2. Ill management.
Men are miserable, if their education hath been so undisciplined, as to leave them unprovided of skill to spend their time; but most miserable, if such *mis*government and unskillfulness make them fall into vicious company.

3. Irregularity; inordinate behaviour.
There is not chastity enough in language
Without offence to utter them: thus, pretty lady,
I am sorry for thy much *mis*government.
MISGUIDANCE. *n. f.* [*mis* and *guidance*.] False direction.
The Nicene council fixed the equinox the twenty-first of March for the finding out of Easter; which has caused the *mis*guidance from the sun which we lie under in respect of Easter, and the moveable feasts.

Whoever deceives a man, makes him ruin himself; and by causing an error in the great guide of his actions, his judgment, he causes an error in his choice, the *mis*guidance of which must naturally engage him to his destruction.
To MISGUIDE. *v. a.* [*mis* and *guide*.] To direct ill; to lead the wrong way.
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*Mis*guided prince! no longer urge thy fate,
Nor tempt the hero to unequal war.
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MISGUIDE. *n. f.* [*mis* and *guide*.] Ill chance; ill luck; calamity.
To tell you what miserable *mis*guides fell to the young prince of Macedon his cousin, I should too much fill your ears with strange horrors.

Since we are thus far entered into the consideration of her *mis*guides, tell me, have there been any more such tempests wherein she hath thus wretchedly been wrecked.

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Sir knight, take to you wanted strength;
And master these *mis*guides with patient might.
Rome's readiest champions, repose you here,
Secure from worldly chances and *mis*guides.

It cannot be
But that success attends him: if *mis*guides,
Ere this he had return'd, with fury driv'n
By his avengers; since no place like this
Can fit his punishment, or your revenge.

If the worst of all *mis*guides hath fallen,
Speak; for he could not die unlike himself.
MISGUIDE. *n. f.* [*mis* and *guide*.] A low word. A mingle or hotch-potch.
To MISINFER. *v. a.* [*mis* and *infer*.] To infer wrong.

Nestorius teaching rightly, that God and man are distinct natures, did thereupon *mis*infer, that in Christ those natures can by no conjunction make one person.
To MISINFORM. *v. a.* [*mis* and *inform*.] To deceive by false accounts.
Some belonged to a man of great dignity, and not as that wicked Simon had *mis*informed.

By no means trust to your servants, who mislead you, or *mis*inform you; the reproach will lie upon yourself.
Bid her well beware,
Left by some fair-appearing good surpriz'd,
She dictate false; and *mis*inform the will
To do what God expressly hath forbid.

MISINFORMATION. *n. f.* [*from misinform*.] False intelligence; false accounts.
Let not such be discouraged as deserve well, by *mis*information of others, perhaps out of envy or treachery.
The vengeance of God, and the indignation of men, will join forces against an insulting bafeness, when backed with greatness, and let on by *mis*information.

To MISINTERPRET. *v. a.* [*mis* and *interpret*.] To explain to a wrong sense.
The gentle reader rests happy to hear the worthiest works *mis*interpreted, the clearest actions obscured, and the innocentest life traduced.
After all the care I have taken, there may be several passages misquoted and *mis*interpreted.

To MISJOIN. *v. a.* [*mis* and *join*.] To join unfitly or improperly.
In reason's absence mimic fancy wakes
To imitate her; but *mis*joining shapes,
Wild work produces oft, and most in dreams;
Ill-matching words, and deeds, long past, or late.

Luther, more mistaking what he read,
*Mis*joins the sacred body with the bread.
To MISJUDGE. *v. a.* [*mis* and *judge*.] To form false opinions; to judge ill.
Where we *mis*judge the matter, a miscarriage draws pity after it; but when we are transported by pride, our ruin lies at our own door.

You see through love, and that deludes your sight;
As, what is straight, seems crooked through the water.
By allowing himself in what is innocent, he breeds offence to his weak and *mis*judging neighbour.

Too long *mis*judging have I thought thee wise,
But sure relentless folly steals thy breast.
To MISLAY. *v. a.* [*mis* and *lay*.] To lay in a wrong place.
Mean time my worthy wife, our arms *mis*lay'd,
And from beneath my head my sword convey'd.

The fault is generally *mis*lay'd upon nature; and there is often a complaint of want of parts, when the fault lies in want of a due improvement.
If the butler be the tell-tale, *mis*lay a spoon, so as he may never find it.

MISLAY. *n. f.* [*from mislay*.] One that puts in the wrong place.
The *mis*layer of a mere-stone is to blame; but the unjust judge is the capital remover of land-marks, when he defineth amis of lands.

To MISLEAD. *v. a.* [*mis* and *lead*.] To guide a wrong way; to betray to mischief or mistake.
Take, oh take those lips away,
That so sweetly were forsworn;
And those eyes, the break of day,
Lights that do *mis*lead the morn.

Those we love,
That are *mis*led upon your cousin's part.

Poor *mis*led men: your states are yet worthy pity.
If you would hear, and change your savage minds,
Leave to be mad.
Trust not to your servants who *mis*lead or *mis*inform you.

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